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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [] Detachment Dependent Program's Effect
on the Detachment's Mission

1. The proposed program allowing assignees to the IDEALIST Detachment at [] to have their families accompany them on their tour appears to be most advantageous from an operational viewpoint. The most important of these advantages would be that with dependents, the assignee's tour would be extended from the present 13 to 15 months to a minimum of 24 months and possibly as much as 36 months.

2. This additional time would contribute greatly to the continuity of the command and operations functions. As it is now, it takes considerable time for a new assignee to become acquainted with and effective in the running of this [] 25X1
[] These longer tours will also greatly enhance the personal contact and trust between key detachment staff personnel and the [] concerned with 25X1
this program, a factor that, in the past, has had considerable influence on the success or failure of the detachment to respond to its basic mission.

3. In the past, it has been, at times, exceedingly difficult to recruit and motivate qualified individuals for these unaccompanied assignments. The fact that new personnel proceeding to [] will be allowed to have their families accompany them should greatly decrease the problems of recruiting personnel for these jobs.

4. In addition to the command and operations functions, the above rationale applies to those individuals in other detachment staff positions; and therefore, it follows that with families [] the more stable the detachment organization and the more successful the operation.

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